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SEINERS MAKING GOOD HAULS.

Both Large and Tinker Mackerel Secured in Recent Catches.

Continued Reports of Large Bodies of Fish.

That mackerel are hanging well to the shore is shown by quite a number of arrivals, both here and Boston, since last report, with both large and mediums and tinkers, the latter being taken in goodly number right in Boston bay.

Recent arrivals are as follows:

- Seiners at Boston.**
- Sch. Ralph L. Hall, 12,000 fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. Nellie Dixon, 12,000 fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. Lucania, 5000 large and 10,000 fresh tinker mackerel.
 - Sch. Mary E. Harty, 3300 large, 500 medium and 300 fresh tinker mackerel.
 - Steamer Bethulia, 600 fresh tinker mackerel.

- Seiners at This Port.**
- Sch. Grace Otis, 6000 large and 10,000 fresh tinker mackerel.
 - Sch. Senator, 6000 large fresh mackerel.

Mackerel at Portland.

Besides these fares there were 2000 pounds of mixed mackerel landed at Portland Monday from the Casco Bay traps.

Many Mackerel Seen but Fish Are Reported Wild.

Capt. Frank Hall of sch. Ralph L. Hall reports mackerel schools all the way from Great Round Shoal to Chatham and in from 14 to 20 fathoms of water. Capt. Hall says there do not appear to be as many schools as there were a few days ago, and that most of them appear to be very wild. Some of the schools are mixed fish, while others are all large. He got his fare in two schools and in the lot were only 200 or 300 mediums, while sch. Nellie Dixon, at T wharf yesterday afternoon, had 3000 mediums in her catch.

Sch. Grace Otis, which arrived here yesterday afternoon, had taken 6000 large fresh mackerel and was bound

to market with them. The craft was coming across from Race Point and standing for Nahant and was well over when mackerel schools were sighted and a set made, resulting in a haul of 10,000 tinkers.

That these tinkers must be in goodly body and covering quite a lot of ground is shown by sch. Lucania getting her 10,000 small ones down off Chatham where she also got her big fish.

Prices for Fresh Mackerel Good.

Prices are good, the large fish selling at Boston this morning at 20 cents each, mediums going at 12 cents and tinkers bringing from 4 to 6 cents each.

Yesterday afternoon the fare of sch. Grace Otis sold to Lufkin & Tarr, the large bringing 17 cents each and the tinkers 3 cents per pound.

This morning the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company bought the fare of sch. Senator, paying 18 cents each for large and 12 cents for mediums.

Tinkers Plentiful on the Maine Coast.

A Portland exchange says: "Parties interested in the fishing business are greatly encouraged over the fact that what are called mixed mackerel have struck in shore, some 2000 pounds having been brought into port yesterday from the traps at Small Point and Richmond Island. The fish vary in size from tinkers to large four pound fish. The most encouragement is derived from the fact that in former years, during the palmy days of the mackerel industry, the appearance of the smaller sized fish, commonly called tinkers, was almost invariably followed by a good catch during the months of August and September, and it is believed by many old fishymen that such will prove the case this year. The catch the past 10 days all along the New England coast has been very disappointing, for although large bodies of mackerel have been seen in different directions the seiners have not been able to accomplish much."

\$2 and \$3.

Swordfish took a drop to six cents and large mackerel sold at 20 cents, with medium bringing 12 and tinkers from 4 to 6 cents.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch. Bethulia, 35 bbls. fresh bluebacks, 600 fresh tinker mackerel.
 - Sch. George H. Lube, 95 swordfish.
 - Sch. Valentinnna, 186 swordfish.
 - Sch. Cherokee, 52 swordfish.
 - Sch. Higo, 23 swordfish.
 - Sch. Nokomis.
 - Sch. Mary E. Harty, 3300 large, 500 mediums, 300 tinker fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. Lucania, 5000 large and 9000 tinker fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. Genesta, 30,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 24,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 500 hake, 500 halibut.
 - Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Arbitrator, 7000 haddock 6500 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Nellie Dixon, 12,000 fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. Ralph L. Hall, 12,000 fresh mackerel.
- Haddock \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4; pollock, \$4; hake, \$2 to \$3; swordfish, 6 cts. per lb.; large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each; mediums, 12 cts. and tinkers, 4 to 6 cts.

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BROKE SWORD IN PULPIT.

FISH BARELY MISSED STRIKING FRANK PERRY OF SCH. VALENTINNA.

Several of the men engaged in swordfishing, report narrow escapes from injury, when the maddened fish have turned upon them after being struck by the harpoon.

Frank Perry, one of the crew of the swordfishing sch. Valentinnna, which arrived at Boston this morning with the largest trip for years, had a narrow escape from getting a swordfish sword stuck into him last Sunday.

He was in the pulpit and had just struck a sizable fish, when the infuriated chap, feeling the sting of the lily iron, turned instead of diving, and just as the schooner took a dip which brought the pulpit close to the water, made a flying leap out of the water and directly at Perry.

His aim was good, but the craft rose on the sea and the sword instead of reaching Perry, hit the base of the pulpit full and fair and imbedded itself with such force as to go right through the plank. In breaking clear, the fish left over a foot of sword behind, and when the Valentinnna came in at the wharf this morning, it was still sticking in the pulpit, a mute witness of the force of a swordfish's attack.

Skipper Attacked on Deck of Craft.

Capt. Herman Pennington of the swordfisherman Motor had a very narrow escape from death. A 350-pound swordfish had been caught and was lying on the deck apparently dead. The skipper leaned over the fish to examine it, when suddenly the supposed dead fish moved its tail. Before the skipper could get out of the way, the fish had jabbed its big sword through his shirt and coat, tearing them from shoulder to waist and scratching the skin. Had the skipper been two inches nearer, he would have been run through by the big sword.

Several Dories Attacked by Infuriated Captives.

Several of the men engaged in swordfishing report narrow escapes from injury when the maddened fish have turned upon them after being struck by the harpoon.

Last Friday while fishing off No Man's Land, Alexander Langley, one of the crew of sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, following an ironed fish, came near having his leg badly cut. The fish ran its sword through the side of the dory just as Langley arose to see where the fish was.

Capt. Bennin's little sloop Lillian had a still more exciting experience off Southwest light, Nantucket, Friday. Capt. Bennin himself threw the iron from the pulpit and the others aboard took turns in the dories. Each of the four dories had big holes punched in them by savage fish. Carmen Bowers, Wade Bowers, George Olsen and the ship's cook all had brushes with big fish and narrow escapes.

Rammed Barrel Prevented Swordfish from Diving.

The little power boat Sabine, which brought in 43 goodsized swordfish at T wharf, Boston, on Monday, had a very strange tale aboard. The lookout saw a big barrel bobbing up and down on the surface off the weather bow, and the power boat was steered over to investigate. It turned out that a giant swordfish had rammed its sword through the bottom of the hardwood barrel and had been unable to withdraw it. The fish was unable to dive because the barrel wouldn't go under water. The men aboard the boat lanced the fish.

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RECEIPTS LIGHT AT THIS PORT.

INCLUDE ONE MACKEREL FARE, TRIP FROM BOSTON AND SHAD FARE.

Fish are in light receipt this morning. Sch. Ida S. Brooks came down from Boston yesterday afternoon with 20,000 pounds of fresh fish to split, and this morning steamer Water Witch is in with 100 barrels of fresh fish. The first receipts of these fish here for quite a while, although the small boats have been landing quite a lot at Portland.

Sch. Electric Flash arrived this morning from the mackerel grounds off Chatham, with 3000 fresh mackerel, mostly tinkers.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Sch. Electric Flash, off Chatham, 3000 small fresh mackerel.
 - Steamer Water Witch, shore, 100 bbls. fresh shad.
 - Sch. George Parker, seining.
 - Sch. Ralph Hall, via Boston.
 - Sch. Marjie Turner, via Portland.
 - Steamer Rough Rider, Lake Erie.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. J. J. Flaherty, dory handlining.
- Sch. Smuggler, dory handlining.
- Sch. Grace Otis, seining.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
- Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.
- Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.
- Sch. Actor, shore.
- Sch. Mettacommet, swordfishing.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

- Salt Fish.**
- Salt Cape Shore mackerel \$13 per bbl.
 - Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.12 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.62 1-2 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.
 - Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.87 1/2, medium \$4.37 1/2, snappers \$3.
 - Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.62 1/2, medium \$4.25.
 - Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1/2, medium \$3.62 1/2.
 - Haddock, \$2.00.
 - Pollock, \$1.75.
 - Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
 - Hake, \$1.75.
 - Eastern shack trip cod, \$4.12 1/2 for large and \$3.62 1/2 for medium.
 - All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.
 - Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl.

- Fresh Fish.**
- Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
 - Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.
 - Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.20 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
 - Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$1.
 - Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80 cts.
 - Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.
 - Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.
 - Cape North cod, \$2.20 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
 - Fresh large mackerel 27 1-2 cts. each; mediums 13 1-2 cts., tinkers 4 cts. each.
 - Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.
 - Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Coastwise Arrivals.

Br. sch. Florence E. McAnson, Gilbert Cove, N. S., lumber for L. B. Nauss & Sons.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Moaniam, Preceptor, Yakima, Mary F. Curtis, Alice and James and Esther were at Liverpool, N. S., Monday and cleared the same day.

Sch. Elsie was at Canso, N. S., on Monday, from St. Pierre.

Gone Dory Handlining.

Capt. Peter Porter of sch. Smuggler has shifted over from trawl hanking to dory handlining in the same vessel, and sailed today on the hook and line trip in company with sch. J. J. Flaherty.

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SCH. VALENTINNA HAS SWORDFISH

LANDS LARGEST CATCH AT BOSTON FROM TWO WEEKS TRIP.

At T wharf yesterday afternoon schs. Ralph L. Hall and Nellie Dixon arrived, each hailing for 12,000 fresh mackerel, mostly large. This morning two more seiners came to the pier, sch. Lucania hailing for 5000 large and 10,000 tinkers and sch. Mary E. Harty having 3300 large and a few tinkers and mediums. Steamer Bethulia, which had 35 barrels of bluebacks, also had 600 tinkers.

The banner trip at the wharf this morning is that of sch. Valentinnna, Capt. Charles O'Neil. This craft has been out but two weeks and hails for 186 swordfish. On the wharf the fish men this morning say this is the largest swordfish catch ever made on a two weeks trip and is the second largest ever landed at the pier, the largest being some six years ago when Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita in sch. Mary P. Mesquita landed 202 fish on one trip.

Beside the Valentinnna four others of the swordfish fleet are in with fares ranging from 23 to 95 fish.

Four of the market fleet have small fares of ground fish, haddock predominating and selling at \$1.50, with cod in very light receipt and bringing from \$5 to \$6 for large. Hake sold at

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MACKEREL FARES STILL COMING.

Many Tinkers Found Among the Fish Recently Taken.

Bidding by Dealers Forced Up Price of One Fare.

There were four arrivals at T wharf, Boston, with fresh mackerel fares yesterday afternoon, as follows:

Steamer Quartette, 6000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, 7000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Sylvania, 6000 large mackerel Netting sch. Eddie A. Minot, 700 large mackerel.

The tinker fares sold yesterday afternoon, the fish bringing 3 and 4 cents each, while the fares of schs Sylvania and Eddie A. Minot went on the market this morning, the large fish bringing 1 and 20 cents and the mediums 12 cents.

The fish brought in by the seiners were taken off Chatham, while sch Eddie A. Minot netted her catch in Boston Bay.

At this port this morning is sch Electric Flash with 3000 fresh mackerel, mostly tinkers, the are like the others, being taken off on the Chatham grounds.

Hardheads Being Taken Off Block Island.

Capt. Peter Willett of the little sch. Freedom, which recently arrived from a swordfish and mackerel cruise out around Block Island, reports a lot of "hard heads" out that way and that some of the boats have been doing well catching them on the hook and setting around the vessel. Capt. Willett says the fish go about 250 count and about all which have been caught have been landed fresh. The captain is now fitting out the Freedom and will go back there taking with him a small seine for setting around the vessel.

Good Prices for Fare of Sch. Electric Flash.

Down at the Fort this morning the dealers got bidding on the trip of sch. Electric Flash, and before they got through and Lufkin & Tarr had secured the fare, the price of 27 1-2 cents for large, 13 1-2 cents for mediums and 4 cents for tinkers had been chalked up. This was pretty good money, as Boston this morning is paying but 19 and 20 cents for large and 12 cents for mediums.

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SEAL HERD AT WINGAERSHEEK BEACH

Animals Appear Quite Tame and Are Watched With Interest.

A large herd of seals which apparently makes its home near Two Penny Loaf, the western end of Wingaersheek Beach, at the entrance to Essex river, has been receiving much attention from the campers and summer people of late and is certainly one of the sights hereabouts well worth witnessing.

The herd is apparently quite tame and can best be seen from a sail or power boat. A few afternoons ago one party, while cruising over that way, counted no less than 29 big seals, all playing and sporting about on the rocks and in the water. They followed the motor boat for quite a distance and when it was stopped that the oc-

cupants might watch them, they too stopped paddling and gazed boldly at the boat and the party, apparently taking the greatest interest in both.

Those who have been over to see the herd say that just about sunset, when nature is most still, it is quite weird to hear their child-like cries. Those who know say that the herd can be seen about every day, scarcely missing a day in showing about on the rocks.

The seal herd at this point has evidently grown in numbers in recent years. For years back, seals have always been seen around the rocks at the point indicated, but generally but one or two, and possibly three, might be seen at one time. Now it is common to see 15 or 20 and even more, at one time.

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ANOTHER LAKE BOAT HERE.

Probably Advance Guard of Larger Fleet to Follow.

The little fishing steamer Rough Rider arrived here yesterday from Lake Erie, to engage in the fisheries at this port. The craft is what is known as a "lake boat" and fishes either with a small seine or gill nets which are set along the bottom and stand up therefrom like a board fence.

Last spring these boats here did extra well and it was reported at the time that the fleet would be materially increased this fall by a number of crafts from Lake Erie. The Rough Rider is believed to be the advance guard of the fleet which is coming.

Herring Plentiful at Liverpool, N. S. Herring still holds plentiful at Liverpool, N. S. On Monday schs. Mary F. Curtis, Alice, Preceptor and Yakima baited there and schs. Virginia, Flora Nickerson, James W. Parker and Norma baited on Tuesday.

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Had "Baby" Swordfish.

The trip of sch. George H. Lube, which arrived at Boston yesterday with a total of 95 swordfish, was a most profitable one, for 17 of the fish were "babies," or fish weighing under 110 pounds. These fish are not sold in the same way as are heavier fish and the Lube's "babies" brought more money by a good many cents than heavier fish sold for.

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SWORDFISH AND MACKEREL

LEAD IN INTEREST IN FISH RECEIPTS WITH T WHARF DEALERS.

Mackerel and swordfish continue to dominate the fresh fish market at T wharf, although outside of haddock, all kinds of groundfish are bringing satisfactory prices, while swordfish are having difficulty in hanging onto the six cent mark.

Yesterday, after our report, seven crafts arrived, three of them mackerel seiners, with fares of from 6000 to 7000 fresh mackerel, two trips of tinkers and one of large, one netter with a good catch, two swordfishermen and one Provincetown halibuter.

This morning, of the 14 trips in the dock, five were swordfish, the catches ranging from five to 111 fish, sch. Edmund F. Black having the latter large number. The groundfish fares generally ran small and as there was a fair demand the prices rose accordingly. Hake sold at \$3.75 and pollock brought \$3.50 and \$4, while large cod sold at \$4.50 and \$5. Haddock brought \$1.25 and \$1.75.

Fresh mackerel were about the same as yesterday, 19 and 20 cents for large and 12 cents for mediums, while the two tinker trips which sold yesterday afternoon brought 3 and 4 cents per fish.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 35,000 haddock, 8000 hake.

Sch. Hope, 5000 cod.

Sch. Josie and Phebe, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 18,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 7000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 1200 cod, 1500 pollock, 2 swordfish.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1600 cod, 1800 pollock, 2 swordfish.

Sch. Rebecca, 13,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sloop Lillian, 35 swordfish.

Sch. Lear C., 29 swordfish.

Sch. Julietta, 15 swordfish.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, 111 swordfish.

Sch. Tecumseh, 5 swordfish.

Sch. Quartette, 6000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Sylvania, 6000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, 7000 large fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Manomet, 90 swordfish.

Sch. Lewis Warren, 61 swordfish.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 2900 cod, 9000 halibut.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$3.75; swordfish, 6 cts. per lb.; fresh mackerel, 19 and 20 cts. for large, 12 cts. for mediums; 3 to 4 cts. for tinkers.

Fined for Having Short Lobsters.

Capt. Joseph Dieugo commander of a fleet of three Rockport fishing vessels, was arrested on the high seas near the Isles of Shoals a few days ago and compelled to pay a fine and costs amounting to \$130 for catching and holding lobsters of uncertain lengths. The raid upon the fishing grounds was conducted by William T. Entwistle of Portsmouth, agent of the New Hampshire fish and game commission. Mr. Entwistle boarded the fishing vessel Columbian, captained by Dieugo, and seized 117 lobsters, many of which were less than three inches long. The required length is 10 1/2 inches.—New York Fishing Gazette.

Fishing Boat Damaged.

While the fishing boat Yankee, Capt. Hunt, of Newburyport was leaving Squam Monday after disposing of a small fare of fish at this port, the head of the engine cylinder was blown off and the boat disabled. A message was sent to Boston for a new engine.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines Stocked \$10,654.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Fred A. Morrissey, weighed 272,000 pounds of salt cod as the result of her recent salt trawl bank codfishing trip, making the splendid stock of \$10,654.

Gone to Labrador for Bait.

It is reported that some of the fresh and salt shack fleet have gone to the treaty coast of Labrador, in the gulf of St. Lawrence for bait and if the same is secured there then to try the codfishing on that shore.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Hortense of Gloucester which arrived here Tuesday from Gloucester after bait, purchased 8000 pounds of large herring from the Portland Cold Storage Co., costing the skipper \$200. Eighty barrels of bluebacks were taken out by the steamer Dolphin at the plant of the Portland Cold Storage Co. Tuesday. These are about the first that have been brought along here in some time. Ten barrels of shad were landed by the steamer E. N. Brown.

Somewhere there are dogfish, but they have not bothered Capt. John Andrew Doggett of sch. Topsail Girl here lately. Capt. Doggett arrived here Tuesday after a three weeks' cruise to the Western bank. There were no dogfish there. It seemed strange, but there was not a one seen. All the other fishermen who have come in here from there have reported the dogfish as being only too plentiful, but they seem to have disappeared with the coming of Capt. Doggett which is unusual in itself for the usual skipper of the Topsail Girl is bothered to death with the pests.

The trip of the Topsail Girl was about as ordinary as any trip well could be. Thirteen thousand pounds of halibut were caught, 7000 pounds of fresh fish and five swordfish. The last named were secured on La Havre, they were of average size.

Bait Reported Scarce at Louisburg, C. B.

A Louisburg, C. B., dispatch of Saturday, in the Halifax Chronicle, says: "The fishermen along the coast have been very much hampered the past few weeks by the great scarcity of bait, and also by the dogfish nuisance. Both lobsters and codfish appear to be fairly plentiful on the grounds when bait can be procured, but the supply is very uncertain."

"Capt. Downey of the American sch. Elsie, in port today reports that during the past five weeks he has visited Labrador, St. Pierre, Newfoundland and the Cape Breton coast in search of bait, but is unable to get a sufficient supply to properly prosecute the voyage."

"In the event of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company establishing here which appears to be an assured fact, this bait handicap will be removed, as they have promised in their agreement with the town to always keep a supply of bait on hand for the shore fishermen's use."

Dory Punctured Four Times By Swordfish.

With one of the dories marked with four big holes in different places, the little swordfisherman Bessie, Capt. Paine, arrived at T wharf yesterday. While fishing off No Man's Land last week Manuel Silva, chasing a big fish, had his dory punctured. A few minutes later, in the same dory, Antone Crawley had the same experience, and before the day was over Manuel Tarvis, always in the same dory, had two more swords come through the hull. Only a quick jump in each case saved the doryman's legs from serious injury. Sunday an extra big fish, weighing about 360 pounds, was captured, and when brought aboard a second lily iron was found imbedded in the back, showing that some other swordfisherman had struck the fish but had been unable to follow it.

Returned to Land One of Crew.

Sch. Tecumseh, Capt. Alex. Ruden is at T wharf this morning with a small swordfish fare, the craft having to give up the voyage soon after getting on the fishing ground and return to port to land Peter Thompson, one of her crew, who was suddenly and seriously afflicted with trouble with his eyes.

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Provincetown Dragger Getting Mackerel and Squid.

Draggers fishing off Provincetown continue to take a few mackerel every night. Squid are being brought in in big quantities, too, and all the vessels in there have been baited.

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MITES FROM MAINE.

What is supposed to be the largest land-locked salmon ever taken with hook and line from a Maine lake or pond was caught at Green Lake by Luther Moore, an employee of the United States government fish hatchery, and weighed 16 1-2 pounds. Nothing to equal this for a salmon has ever been heard of in eastern Maine, and so far as known now it is the biggest on record.